

Attention: Medicaid Physicians, Pharmacies, FQHC's, RHC's and Professional Associations

RE: Erectile Dysfunction Drugs

Effective June 8, 2005, the Alabama Medicaid Agency will no longer approve Erectile Dysfunction drugs for impotence. These drugs will be approved for patients who have severe pulmonary hypertension. Criteria for these drugs are as follows:

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- Phosphodiesterase inhibitors require diagnosis of severe pulmonary hypertension (defined as systolic pulmonary pressure > 80mm HG as determined by cardiac catherization) with documentation of failure of or contraindication to all other available therapies. Documentation must be provided of vasoreactivity testing and consultation with a specialist experienced in the treatment of pulmonary hypertension patients.
- A sole diagnosis of impotence will not be approved.

Providers with questions concerning the new Erectile Dysfunction criteria may contact:

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